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days after the ruling, based on an evidentiary hearing, to pay fees and costs in order to proceed with a...with a case or appeal regardless of any applicable statute of limitations or time to appeal. A Columbus attorney brought this bill to my attention, which I introduced as LB 227 in 1997 and was advanced to General File but ran out of time. He had a case at a trial in which the litigant asked to proceed as a pauper. The court took it under advisement but did not return its finding until it was too late to refile the case and pay the cost. Therefore, the case was dismissed and his client did not have his day in court as the statutory time to appeal had passed. This is really a technical bill, will benefit not only the trial attorneys but their clients who are denied the opportunity to proceed without prepayment of court costs, and as it's everybody's constitutional right to have their day in court. In review, LB 689 allows a litigant ten days after he or she has been told that his application to proceed into trial in forma pauperis has no merit. During that time, the person may obtain the needed funds or make arrangements with his or her attorney to appeal the ruling. The ten days shall be honored regardless of any other statutes of limitations. I ask you to advance LB 689 to E & R Initial. I'd be happy to answer any questions for you, if I may. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Robak. Discussion on LB 689. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Robak gave a thorough explanation of this bill and she gave a much more technical explanation than I would give. It is one of those situations where if you want to file the action as a pauper, and there is a challenge made to that filing, this bill is to make sure that while the court is considering that, if the statute of limitations does not run out so that you cannot carry through with your appeal. What the court could do, and as Senator Robak pointed it out, is to handle one of these issues, a challenge was made to it. By the time the court got through processing it, the right...the time during which this person could appeal had run out. So what this bill is saying is that if the challenge to the status of the person as a pauper takes place, after that is dealt with, the person has ten days from that time to file an appeal and come up